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1. On 20 August 1954, a meeting (Kollegiumsitzung) at the East German Ministry for Machine Construction took place to which the head of the Main Administration for Radio and Telecommunications Technology (HV RFT) was called. In the presence of those assembled, Minister Heinrich Rau read the text of a letter which the Ministry had received from the Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade of the Chinese People's Republic. In this letter the Chinese Minister stated that East German products sold to China had in the past been very well received, but their high quality. However, the quality of East German deliveries now deteriorated to such a degree that the Chinese Ministry was moved to bring this fact to the knowledge of the Ministry for Machine Construction and to enlist the Ministry's efforts in bringing about a change in this deplorable situation. Minister Rau urged the assembled functionaries to take notice of the Chinese complaint and to take immediate steps for improving the quality of East German products.

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2. From the fact that the head of the Main Administration for Radio and Telecommunications Technology was specifically called to this meeting, it may be concluded that the Chinese complaints mainly pertained to products delivered by enterprises under this Main Administration.

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- 1/ Comment: Sessions of the Ministry are attended by the Minister, his Deputy, the head of the Central Planning Department, the Party Secretary and personnel of Main Administrations and Central Departments selected specifically for each meeting.

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